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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN INTEREST IN OVERFLIGHT OF SOUTH VIETNAM

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1. FONMIN ASKED ME YESTERDAY ABOUT STATUS PROMISED ACTION BY SAQQAF TO COMMUNICATE WITH RVN FONMIN BAC RE EGYPTIAN DESIRE OVERFLY SOUTH VIETNAM TERRITORY. I SAID I HAD NO RECENT INFORMATION, BUT NOTED MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SAQQAF HAS BEEN ABROAD DURING PAST MONTH AND THAT AMBASSADOR AKINS HAS ALSO BEEN AWAY. FAHMY SAID SAQQAF HAD BEEN BACK IN SAUDI ARABIA LAST WEEK AND THAT HE HAD LEFT FOR WASHINGTON PREVIOUS DAY. FAHMY REITERATED HIS EARLIER CONCERN THAT SAQQAF MAY BE DILATORY ABOUT COMMUNICATING WITH RVN ON THE SUBJECT.

2. I UNDERTOOK TO QUERY AMEMBASSY JIDDA RE ANY INFORMATION IT HAS ON WHATEVER ACTION SAQQAF MAY HAVE TAKEN. IT SAQQAF HAS NOT YET DONE ANYTHING, DOES AMEMBASSY JIDDA BELIEVE RASHAD PHARAON MIGHT BE INDUCED TO SEND NECESSARY LETTER THROUGH RVN AMBASSADOR. UNDERSTAND RASHAD WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE SAUDI-EGYPTIAN MEETING IN WHICH SUBJECT DISCUSSED.

3. FAHMY INDICATED GOE'S INTEREST IN MOVING AHEAD

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